

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 38 and 40-46 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Perez in view of Derringer and Kato. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, to advance prosecution, claims 38 and 40-46 have been canceled.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 30, 33, 34 and 37 are allowed. Since these allowable claims are the only claims that remain pending.

Early allowance of this application is solicited.

All objections and rejections have been addressed. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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